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After a historic day of impassioned debate in the House, Donald J. Trump has become the third president in U.S. history to be impeached, charged with abuse of power and obstruction of Congress. 2

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In historic moment, U.S. House impeaches Donald Trump for abuse of power

Both articles of impeachment passed, largely along party lines.

House Speaker Nancy Pelosi (D-CA) speaks ahead of a vote on two articles of impeachment against U.S. President Donald Trump on Capitol Hill in Washington, U.S., in a still image from video on December 18, 2019. REUTERS

Donald Trump became the third U.S. president to be impeached on Wednesday, as the House of Representatives formally charged him with abuse of power in a historic step that will inflame partisan tensions across a deeply divided America.

The Democratic-led House passed the abuse of power article of impeachment on a largely party-line 230-197 vote. The House then proceeded with a vote on a second article of impeachment charging him with obstruction of Congress.

The House action sets the stage for a trial next month in the Republican-controlled Senate - friendlier terrain for Trump - on whether to convict him and remove him from office. As the House voted, Trump was addressing a rally in Battle Creek, Michigan.

No president in the 243-year history of the United States has been removed from office by impeachment. That would require a two-thirds majority in the 100-member Senate, meaning at least 20 Republicans would have to join Democrats in voting against Trump - and none have indicated they will.

Trump, who is seeking another four-year term in the November 2020 presidential election, has called the impeachment drive an "attempted coup" by Democrats seeking to nullify his 2106 election victory. The Senate's top Republican, Mitch McConnell, has predicted there is "no chance" his chamber will remove Trump when it holds its trial.

The first of the articles accused Trump, 73, of abusing his power by pressuring Ukraine to investigate political rival Joe Biden, a leading contender for the 2020 Democratic presidential nomination, as well as a discredited theory promoted by the president and beneficial to Russia that Democrats conspired with Ukraine to meddle in the 2016 election.

Democrats said Trump held back $391 million in security aid intended to combat Russia-backed separatists and a coveted White House meeting for Ukrainian President Volodymyr Zelensky as leverage to coerce Kiev into interfering in the 2020 election by smearing Biden.

The second article accuses Trump of obstruction of Congress by directing administration officials and agencies not to comply with lawful House subpoenas for testimony and documents related to impeachment.

Trump has denied wrongdoing and called the impeachment inquiry, launched by House Speaker Nancy Pelosi in September, a "witch hunt."

During a daylong debate before the vote, Pelosi read the U.S. Pledge of Allegiance and said: "We are here to defend democracy for the people."

"If we do not act now, we would be derelict in our duty. It is tragic that the president's reckless actions make impeachment necessary," Pelosi said.

As the debate unfolded, Trump on Twitter called the proceedings "AN ASSAULT ON AMERICA" and on his party. On the House floor, Republicans accused Democrats of seeking to use an unfair, rigged process to nullify the 2016 election.

"The matter before the House today is based solely on a fundamental hatred of our president. It's a sham, a witch hunt - and it's tantamount to a coup against the duly elected president of the United States," Republican Representative Mike Rogers said.

Republican Representative Mike Kelly compared the impeachment to the Japanese attack on Hawaii's Pearl Harbor in 1941, calling the House proceedings another "date that will live in infamy" - similar to the words Democratic President Franklin Roosevelt used to describe the raid that killed about 2,400 people and led to America's entry into World War Two.

The impeachment vote comes ahead of Trump's 2020 re-election campaign, which will pit him against the winner among a field of Democratic contenders, including Biden, who have repeatedly criticized Trump's conduct in office and promised to make it a key issue. REUTERS

'Rise of Skywalker' receives a lot of critical reviews

2 Walt Disney Co's highly anticipated "Star Wars" movie "The Rise of Skywalker" divided film critics on Wednesday, earning more detractors than any film in the saga since 1999 movie "The Phantom Menace." "Rise of Skywalker," which debuts in theaters around the globe on Thursday, is the ninth and final installment in a story begun in 1977, when George Lucas introduced a young space hero named Luke Skywalker alongside an enchanting collection of droids and otherworldly characters. On the Rotten Tomatoes website, 57 percent of 157 reviews for "Rise of Skywalker" were positive as of Tuesday morning. That ranked as the second-lowest score among the nine films, ahead of only the 53 percent for "The Phantom Menace."Reviewers who praised "Rise of Skywalker" called it a satisfying conclusion. REUTERS

Trump proposes rule for importing drugs from Canada

3 The Trump administration on Wednesday said it is proposing a rule to allow states to import prescription drugs from Canada, advancing a plan announced in July that the president has said will bring cheaper prescription drugs to Americans. Importation of drugs from Canada to lower costs for U.S. consumers has been considered for years. Alex Azar, secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services (HHS), called the move "a historic step forward in efforts to bring down drug prices and out-of-pocket costs." Industry trade groups in both countries opposed the plan, saying it will not lower costs and could hurt Canada's drug supplies. Groups representing pharmaceutical and biotech companies called the proposal a political gesture. REUTERS

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Sylvester Stallone with students. INSTAGRAM

Sylvester Stallone surprised high school students at 'Rocky' statue

What a sly fellow.

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Some high school students who visited Philadelphia's iconic "Rocky" statue during a recent tour of the city got more than they expected when Sylvester Stallone, who played Rocky Balboa, showed up.

"When the students first arrived at the museum, they went to the statue, and somebody said, 'Hey, you just missed Sylvester Stallone,'" Eastside High School's Culinary Arts, Hospitality, and Tourism School (CAHTS) Principal Edgard Nieves told ABC.

Nieves added, "Nobody believed he was there, and then two black SUVs pulled up. A window rolled down and it was Rocky asking the kids what school they all went to. When they said Eastside in Paterson, N.J., he got out and did a video and pictures with the students."

ABC reports that Stallone was in the area to film promotional videos in the same area as the statue.

Stallone shared the interaction on his Instagram, captioning the video, "And moments later, suddenly appeared some of the GREATEST fans in the world! I'm a lucky man thanks to you guys! #KeepPunching."

The video had over 800,000 views on Wednesday.

Eileen Shafter, Paterson Superintendent of Schools, shared a statement thanking Stallone, saying:

"As Paterson Superintendent of Schools, I want to personally thank Mr. Stallone for taking a few moments to spend time with our students. His example reminds everyone that a gesture of kindness and caring can make a world of difference in how a person feels. And what he did this week in Philadelphia made all of us here in Paterson feel terrific. Mr. Stallone's movie career began with his story that reminded everyone that there is a champion within each of us, and that is a message that resonates with the students and families of Paterson Public Schools. Mr. Stallone is welcome to come visit us here at Paterson Public Schools anytime."

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Shoppers walk through corridors with Christmas decorations as pre-Thanksgiving and Christmas holiday shopping accelerates at the King of Prussia Mall in King of Prussia, Pennsylvania. REUTERS

Saturday before Christmas expected to be the biggest U.S. shopping day of 2019

$34 billion in sales have been projected.

U.S. retailers are expected to ring up record sales on Super Saturday this year, as fewer days than usual between Thanksgiving and Christmas have squeezed shoppers to finish their purchases.

In recent years, the Saturday before Christmas has seen a late surge in shopper traffic. With retailers maintaining deep discounts late into the holiday season, total sales on Super Saturday have edged closer to Black Friday, the day after Thanksgiving which traditionally kicks off the season in November.

Many retail consultants and analysts estimate the surge will bump Super Saturday into the biggest shopping day this year.

Craig Johnson, president at retail consultancy Customer Growth Partners, expects people to spend $34 billion this year on Super Saturday. These estimates include in-store and online purchases but exclude sales generated at gas stations, restaurants and automobile dealers. In comparison, Black Friday generated $31.5 billion in sales, he said.

"Consumer demand remains strong," Johnson said. "While mall traffic is weak, those that are going to stores are buying more."

Despite slowing global growth, U.S. consumer spending is benefiting from wage growth and a strong labor market, retail consultants and analysts said.

Also, prices have remained steady instead of rising as widely expected, they said, which has spurred spending.

According to an analysis by Reuters, retailers including Walmart Inc and Amazon.com Inc held prices steady for many popular holiday products sold online despite pressure from U.S. tariffs on Chinese imports.

Many retailers are responding to the late surge in spending by keeping stores open for longer in the days before Christmas. They have also added more staff in stores this year, reversing a trend that saw more workers being added to warehouses to ship online orders.

With store shoppers becoming more deliberate about their purchases, retailers' investments in improving the customer experience is resulting in stronger sales, analysts said.

"The shoppers that are coming into the store during the holidays want the personal touch...otherwise they'd be online," said Andrew Challenger, vice president at placement firm Challenger, Gray & Christmas Inc. "They want somebody to guide them through the inventory and in some ways help them select the right products at the right prices," he said.

Target said it is giving employees in stores a serious bump in hours, investing an extra $50 million into the effort. Similarly, Walmart's holiday strategy this year has also focused on customer service improvements.

For instance, its Check Out With Me feature, which allows shoppers paying by credit card to skip out on long lines by having employees equipped with cellular devices and bluetooth printers check them out anywhere in the store, is available in all big stores.

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Dust mites might be living in your holiday décor

It may come as a surprise that some jolly holiday decorating is wreaking havoc on your allergies — after all, isn't hay fever a spring thing? But experts say dust mites may be to blame if you find yourself sneezing while decking the halls.

The Asthma and Allergy Foundation of America (AAFA) reported that dust mites, which are tiny white arthropods that commonly trigger allergic reactions, could be living in your holiday decorations.

According to the AAFA, the dust mites, "…feed mainly on the tiny flakes of human skin that people shed each day. These flakes work their way deep into the inner layers of furniture, carpets, bedding, and even stuffed toys. These are the places where mites thrive."

The mites thrive in temperatures of 68 to 77 degrees Fahrenheit and like humidity levels to be between 70 to 80 percent.

According to CBS, dust mites aren't exactly attracted to your decoration; they are likely attracted to what you store them in.

If you're suffering from the below symptoms per AAFA's website, you might not have a cold or flu this winter; you might just be having a reaction to dust mites:

Common dust mite allergy symptoms include:

- Sneezing
- Runny nose
- Itchy, red or watery eyes
- Stuffy nose
- Itchy nose, mouth or throat
- Itchy skin
- Postnasal drip (a flow of mucus from behind your nose into your throat)
- Cough

If your dust mite allergy triggers your asthma, you may also experience:

- Difficulty breathing
- Chest tightness or pain
- A whistling or wheezing sound when breathing out
- Trouble sleeping caused by shortness of breath, coughing or wheezing

If you are concerned about having a dust mite allergy, it is recommended to meet with your doctor and discuss the matter.

If you want to try and avoid dust mites, experts recommend spraying down your Christmas tree with water before decorating.

AAFA also recommends:

- Covering mattresses and pillows in zippered dust-proof covers. These covers are made of a material with pores too small to let dust mites and their waste product through. They are also called allergen-impermeable. Plastic or vinyl covers are the least expensive, but some people find them uncomfortable. You can buy other fabric allergen-impermeable covers from many regular bedding stores.
- Washing your sheets and blankets weekly in hot water. You have to wash them in water that's at least 130 degrees Fahrenheit or more to kill dust mites.
- Getting rid of all types of fabric that mites love and that you cannot easily wash regularly in hot water. Avoid wall-to-wall carpeting, curtains, blinds, upholstered furniture and down-filled covers and pillows in the bedroom. Put roll-type shades on your windows instead of curtains.
- Having someone without a dust mite allergy clean your bedroom. If this is not possible, wear a filtering mask when dusting or vacuuming. Many drug stores carry these items. Dusting and vacuuming stir up dust. So try to do these chores when you can stay out of the bedroom for a while afterward.
- Buying special certified filter vacuum cleaners which help to keep mites and mite waste from getting back into the air. Certified vacuums are scientifically tested and verified as more suitable for making your home healthier.
- Vacuuming is not enough to remove all dust mites and their waste. A large amount of the dust mite population may remain because they live deep inside the stuffing of sofas, chairs, mattresses, pillows and carpeting.
- Avoiding wall-to-wall carpeting, if possible. If you do use carpeting, mites don't like the type with a short, tight pile as much. Use washable throw rugs over regularly damp-mopped wood, linoleum or tiled floors.
- Washing rugs in hot water whenever possible. Cold water isn't as effective. Dry cleaning kills all dust mites and is also good for removing dust mites from living in fabrics.
- Keeping the humidity in your home less than 50 percent. Use a dehumidifier and/or air conditioner to do this.
- Using a certified filter with your central furnace and air conditioning unit. This can help trap dust mites from your entire home. Freestanding air cleaners only filter air in a limited area. Avoid devices that treat air with heat, electrostatic ions or ozone.

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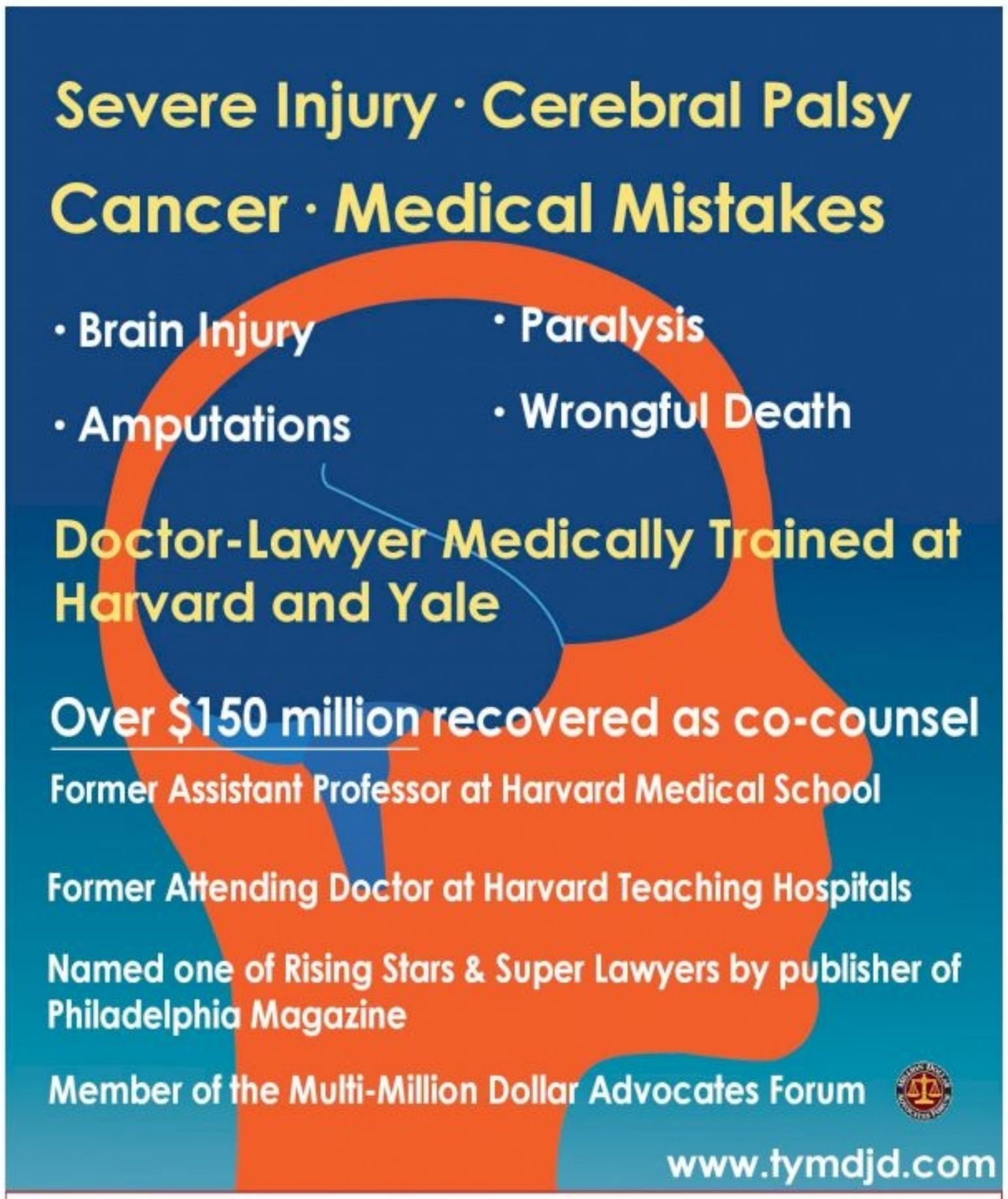
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Gunman fires over 20 rounds into Philly Airbnb

A 21-year-old is in critical condition after being hit by the gunfire.

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A 21-year-old man is in critical condition Wednesday following an incident where a gunman fired over 20 rounds into an Airbnb property.

NBC reports around 15 young adults between the ages 18 and 25 were inside a North Philly property located at the 1900 block of Page Street.

Philadelphia Police Department Captain George Fuchs told NBC that around 1:25 a.m. Wednesday, a person walked into the home and fired 20 rounds, striking the victim in the upper body.

Fuchs told NBC, "It could have been a lot worse."

The victim, who was not identified, was taken to Temple University Hospital.

Philadelphia Police Department spokesman Miguel Torres told outlets the victim was shot multiple times in the right armpit and left arm. Witnesses told CBS the group had rented out the property to have a house party.

It was reported that on Wednesday morning, many people returned to the scene to pick up items they had left behind during the shooting.

Bril Taylor was upstairs during the shooting and told CBS, "Just get on the floor, don't get shot."

Taylor added, "I was upstairs, it happened so fast."

This is not the first time Airbnb has made the news recently. NBC reports the shooting comes within weeks of Airbnb banning parties after a shooting incident occurred in Orinda, California that left five people dead.

Airbnb CEO Brian Chesky said the company would be expanding screening of "high risk" reservations and remove guests who fail to comply with the party banning policy at Airbnb rentals.

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Puerto Rico cries foul over U.S. Congress's cockfighting ban

An attempt by the U.S. Congress to ban cockfighting in Puerto Rico has set off a debate about animal cruelty, put thousands of jobs at risk and sparked a possible power struggle between the U.S. territory's government and Washington.

The 500-year-old tradition of cockfighting in Puerto Rico was due to end on Friday under a law passed by Congress last year to bring the island in step with prohibition in every U.S. state.

But Puerto Rico Governor Wanda Vazquez on Wednesday signed legislation designed to allow cockfighting to continue. That could set up a conflict with U.S. federal authorities.

Puerto Rican fans see cockfighting as part of their cultural heritage and say 27,000 jobs could be lost among breeders, food suppliers and others if the ban goes ahead.

They bristle at being ordered to end fights by Congress, where the island's 3 million people have no elected voting representative.

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"This is an abuse the U.S. government is committing against our culture," said fighting cock owner Carlos Junior Aponte Silva.

Animal rights groups say cockfighting is cruel.

The birds have spikes attached to their legs by owners to cause more damage to opponents as men gather around a pit to watch the combatants peck and scratch each other in 12-minute fights. The death of cocks during a bout or shortly afterward is common.

The cocks' lives are miserable even without fighting, says the People for the Ethical Treatment of Animals (PETA) group.

"Many of these birds spend most of their lives tethered by one leg near whatever object is intended to serve as their shelter, such as an overturned plastic barrel or a small wire cage placed directly on the ground," PETA says on its website.

With Puerto Rico's economy suffering from a debt crisis and the effects of devastating hurricanes in 2017, breeders say they are prepared to go underground if need be.

"If there's nothing before (December) 21st, well then we'll continue fighting cocks ... we will become criminals," said part-time breeder Elvin Lugo.

While it is not clear how the issue will be resolved, the legislation urges negotiations between Puerto Rico and Congress.

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It's like they're begging not to be used. But leaving them to collect dust is a missed opportunity.

Here's how to avoid squandering your gift cards.

Use them sooner rather than later

By law, money on a gift card cannot expire for at least five years from the date the card was purchased or from the last date money was added onto the card, according to the Federal Trade Commission.

Many cards won't have an expiration date, but check the fine print so you don't hang on to yours for too long. Expiration dates must be clearly disclosed on the card. When in doubt, use it up.

Keep your options open

If you're not so hot about a gift card you received as a gift, explore other options. You can use some gift cards at more than one retailer, so you may find one that better suits your taste. For instance, a Banana Republic gift card can be redeemed at Old Navy, Gap, Banana Republic or Athleta.

Another option is to sell your card for cash or swap it for a card you like better at online exchange marketplaces like Gift Card Granny and CardCash. You'll generally get only a fraction of the value back, not the full amount that's currently on the card. But it might be worthwhile if you have no plans to use the original card.

Pay attention to bankruptcy news

Finally, stay on top of retail news, especially in light of brick-and-mortar store closures. Shelley Hunter, the gift card expert for GiftCards.com, says those cards become vulnerable once a store files for bankruptcy.

Hunter explains that stores at risk of closing frequently stop accepting gift cards after a certain date, and customers don't always get the memo. "Where that gets confusing for consumers is oftentimes the stores are still open," she says.

So how do you know when your retail gift cards are in trouble? If you've had one sitting around for a while, check the Chapter 11 Bankruptcy Gift Card Watchlist for 2019 at GiftCards.com. Here you'll find a list of gift cards that are in critical condition and links to file a claim for stores that closed before you got a chance to redeem your card.

Gift cards are one of the most convenient presents to give. Follow these tips, and they don't have to be complicated to receive.

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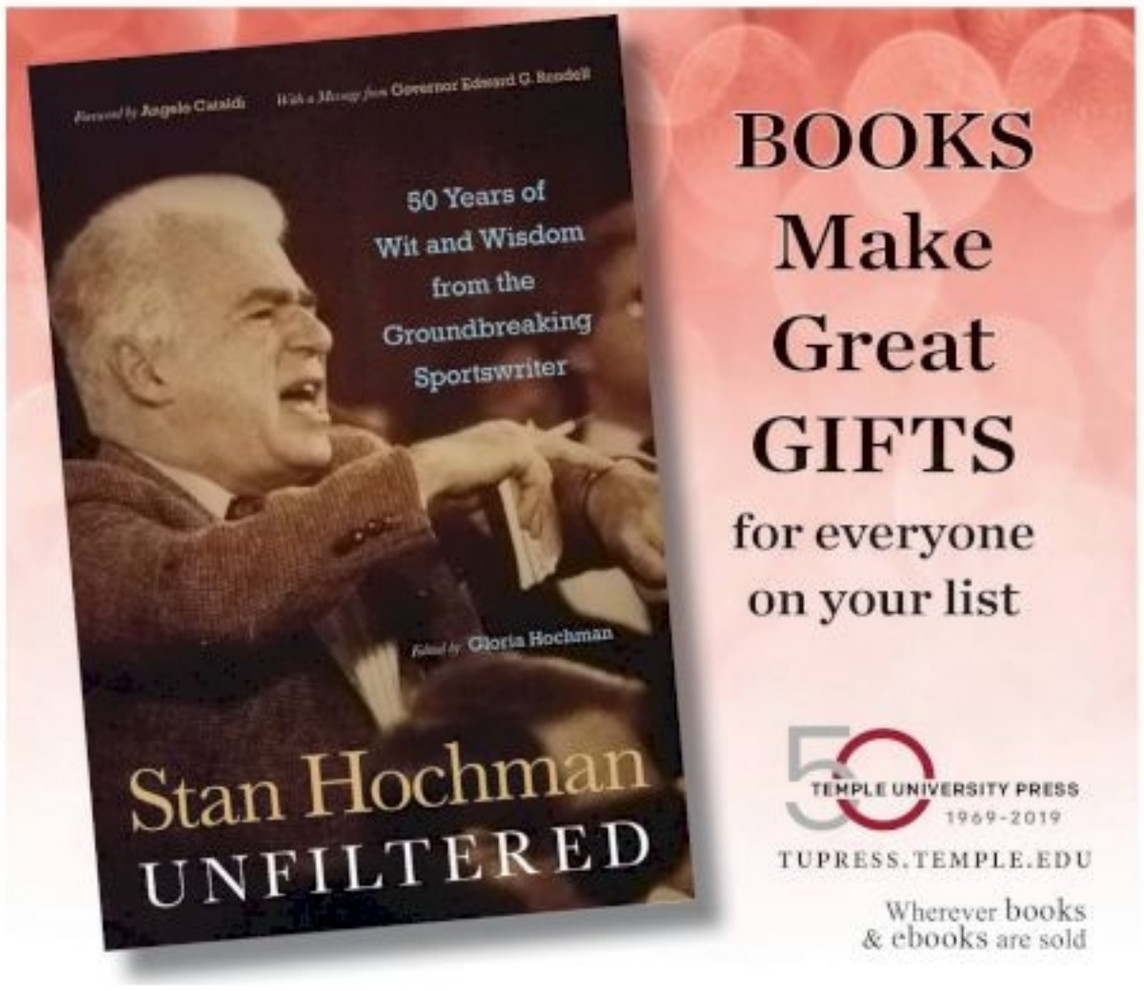
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Aries Refuse to let setbacks cause emotional mayhem. The opportunities will far exceed any challenges you face as you move toward your goal. Stand tall and give your all.

Taurus Take pride in what you know, how you contribute and the difference you can make. An unexpected opportunity will give you something to look forward to and will ease stress.

Gemini Don't put pressure on yourself to keep up with someone who has more disposable income than you. Be smart about how much you spend.

Cancer Find solutions on your own. If you put the burden on someone else, you will end up doing the work anyway and regretting the complaints you have to endure in the process.

Leo Honesty will pay off when dealing with matters that can damage your reputation. Don't let a change someone makes set you off. Live within your means and do your own thing.

Virgo Keep moving forward. You have plenty to do to reach a self-imposed deadline. A change at home will surprise the people who live with you.

Libra One step at a time. Choose your words carefully so as not to give away any secrets. Romance is on the rise.

Scorpio Get your place in order. Whether or not you are entertaining for the holidays, the changes you make will leave you feeling good. A comfortable environment will help ease stress.

Sagittarius Go about your business. Listen to your heart, not to what someone tries to lead you to believe. Concentrate on your responsibilities and what you have to finish to avoid criticism.

Capricorn Do what you do best and take the helm. Refuse to get pulled into situations that will slow you down. If someone overreacts, take charge and get the job done.

Aquarius Take a deep breath, organize your day and prepare to get things done. If someone tries to interfere, give him or her a task and keep moving forward.

Pisces A change of plans can be to your advantage. Being in the right place at the right time will enable you to capitalize on a situation as it unfolds.

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Things are getting delicious on the Main Line

Stove and Tap's second location in Malvern will open its doors today at 4:30 pm.

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Things are getting seriously delicious on the Main Line. Restaurant Group partners Justin Weathers and Executive Chef Joseph Monnich's latest culinary endeavor is opening today, and Philadelphians will definitely recognize the familiar and popular establishment.

Stove and Tap is setting up shop in Malvern, and the brand's second location is set to be bigger and tastier than ever. The new 7,500 square foot venue will feature 188 seats, a 40-foot interior bar, five areas for special events, a covered patio and a 25-foot exterior bar along with an extensive food and drink selection. The new hotspot was supposed to open earlier this year, but after an incident with a paving truck, the opening was pushed back to late 2019. Even with the setback, both Weathers and Monnich are thrilled to finally allow Philadelphians and hungry travelers from all over the opportunity to dive headfirst into this dining haven.

"We are thrilled to announce the grand opening of Stove and Tap Malvern - our second Stove and Tap location and our first new restaurant since we founded the Stove and Co. Restaurant Group," said Weathers in a release. "Chef and his culinary team will bring our signature and beloved American classic favorites to a new area of the Main Line, while we fire up new dishes from our in-house smoker, wood-fired grill and wood-fired oven. We have been working on

Stove and Tap's All American Burger. SOCIETY HILL FILMS

Stove and Tap Malvern since 2018 and faced some big setbacks, including a truck driving through our wall as we prepared to open earlier in 2019. Now we are ready to rock and we can't wait to serve our new community and offer a great destination for food, drink and quality service."

According to the release, the main mission for Stove and Tap is to provide fresh, local and delicious ingredients that deliver a product tailored for the community it serves along with scratch-made American classics and chef-driven dishes that drive a seasonal menu, craft cocktails, great American wines and a beer list that highlights local and nationally celebrated brews.

The new location will feature some Stove and Tap menu favorites, but the new menu will differ slightly based on the building, equipment and community needs. Highlights from Executive Chef Joseph Monnich's menu include seafood gumbo (with rock shrimp, andouille sausage, crawfish and okra), a brisket flatbread (with cheddar, parmesan, blue cheese, pickled red onion and horseradish), mac and cheese (with brisket ends, cavatappi and cheddar parmesan), pimento grilled cheese (with jalapeño bacon, smoked tomato and b&b pickles), old school fried chicken (with coleslaw, parker house rolls and spiced honey) and much, much more.

Hungry guests can also pair their meal with an extensive variety of choices from the bar menu featuring craft cocktails, local and national beer, American wines and boozy shakes. Drink highlights include a maple old fashioned, lincoln sidecar and a selection of rotating boozy milkshakes that will include standard flavors like spiked vanilla and chocolate, as well as bigger and bolder selections like Nutting But the Best with Screwball peanut butter whiskey and Godiva dark chocolate liquor.

If you come for the menu selections, you'll stay for the atmosphere. The vibe for Stove and Tap's second location can be summed up in three words: cozy, chic and rustic, with a lot of American pieces, wood, metal and even taxidermy worked into the mix. "Yes, there will, of course, be the large taxidermy bear like the famous bear at Landsdale. It wouldn't be Stove and Tap without him," adds Weathers.

According to the release, Stove and Tap Malvern will also feature four large-format banquets for large party dining and five potential areas for semi-private party dining, special events and corporate parties. The outside patio will feature two fire pits and a u-shaped outdoor 25-foot long bar, and by spring 2020, an upscale and well-done beer garden vibe that will bring the look and feel of gardens from Center City to the Suburbs.

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Townsend's dessert offering for NYE. ALL IMAGES PUNCH MEDIA

Cuba Libre

Both Cube Libre locations in Philadelphia and Atlantic City will be throwing down for New Year's in a highly spirited way. Guests can choose between three seating times (9, 9:30 or 10 pm) for an elaborate five-course prix fixe menu, featuring a canapé, appetizer, salad, entree and dessert (vegetarian options are also available). After dinner, guests can then dance the night away with music from a live DJ and purchase open bar packages (dancing/dining or dancing only packages are also available). If you're celebrating a little early both locations will be offering an a la carte dinner and drinks experience (Philly from 3 pm - 8 pm and AC from 4 pm - 8 pm) where diners will also receive a $25 gift card for future use at Cuba Libre.

10 S 2nd St., Philadelphia and 2801 Pacific Ave., Atlantic City, cubalibrerestaurant.com

Chris' Jazz Cafe

Philadelphians can head to the popular Center City hotspot on NYE to indulge in a special a la carte menu featuring some of their most requested dishes from the past 30 years, and also listen to the live high-energy jazz stylings of vocalist Chelsea Reed. Dinner dishes include lobster bisque, raw Cape May salt oysters, blood orange salad, dijon herb encrusted rack of lamb, smoked salmon terrine and much more. Reservations are available and tickets to the show are $35.

1421 Sansom St., chrisjazzcafe.com

Res Ispa

Res Ispa will be serving up dinner for all Philadelphians to enjoy on the last night of 2019 for three select seatings. Parties of 2, 4 or 6 will enjoy the Chef's Southern Italian tasting menu at either $60 for family-style starters, pastas, entrees and desserts (scaled up based on the party size) or $80 if they opt for the same tasting with luxury finishes (such as caviar and truffles) — seating times include 5 pm and 7:30 pm. For the final seating at 10 pm, guests can expect the same luxury tasting menu with an intimate champagne toast for $110.

2218 Walnut St., resipsaphilly.com

Forsythia

Old City's newest French eatery from renowned Chef Christopher Kearse is offering a five-course prix-fixe dinner for $100 per person this New Year's Eve. Delicious dinner options include ora king salmon crudo (with Rose crème, winter radish and grapefruit), broiled monkfish (with cauliflower, lemon, Kaluga caviar and smoked beurre blanc), dry-aged prime new york strip au poivre (with black truffle, cheddar, spinach soubise and au poivre) and much more. Guests can also upgrade their meals to include a French wine pairing for $50 more.

233 Chestnut St., forsythiaphilly.com

The Twisted Tail

Philadelphians can head to Headhouse Square hotspot The Twisted Tail to check out their Burlesque & Blues NYE Party this year with live music from the Mikey Junior Band starting at 9 pm and burlesque performances throughout the evening. Tickets for the show are $25, or there is also a $125 VIP package option available as well (which includes admission to the party, a champagne toast at midnight, table service, food and beverages and reserved seating for the entire party). Guests can also opt for a sit-down dinner and show option for $75 with The Twisted Tail's deluxe NYE menu.

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1516 Sansom St., oysterhousephilly.com

The Good King Tavern

Philadelphians can dine at The Good King Tavern this NYE and enjoy a four-course prix-fixe feast for just $80 per person. Suggested wine pairings will also be offered to complement the menu and a build-your-own Manhattan bar experience (with your choice of spirit, vermouth, a glass and garnish) will also be available. The Queens Village hotspot is also offering tableside caviar service featuring a slice of brioche topped with butter and caviar, served with a chilled shot of vodka for only $20. Guests can also head up to Le Caveau located on top of TGKT to pop bottles from their celebratory champagne list and indulge in delectable "Frenchie" snacks. Reservations are available for both establishments.

614 S 7th St., thegoodkingtavern.com

Panorama

Panorama wine bar in Old City is offering two dinner seatings for the last night of 2019. Diners can choose between 4 pm or 6:30 seatings to indulge in a three-course feast ($65 per person) or a three-course children's menu ($30 per child). Dishes include shrimp cocktail, tortellini (with roasted duck leg filled pasta and porcini brodo), pan-roasted king salmon, filet mignon, olive oil cake and for the kiddos, chicken tenders, cheese ravioli, ice cream and more.

14 N Front St., panoramawinebar.com

Townsend

Townsend will be serving up a delicious feast at two different seatings on New Year's Eve this year. Philadelphians can choose between a five-course prix-fixe dinner for the first seating ($95 per person) or a seven-course prix-fixe dinner for the second seating ($125/person). Menu options include broiled oyster aux poireaux, seared halibut vallee d'auge, burgundy truffle risotto and more, while the second seatings additional dishes will include a crab gougère with caviar and herb dust and a second sweet option (the star of both meals is reportedly Townsend's Les Treize dessert). The dinner can be accompanied by a $65 wine pairing for the five-course menu and an $85 wine pairing for the seven-course menu.

2121 Walnut St., townsendphl.com

Tuna Bar

Philadelphians can head to Tuna Bar on NYE this year to enjoy a seven-course dinner and a festive champagne toast for only $95 per person. Mouthwatering options include miso soup, tuna crudo, creamy rock shrimp, an assortment of sushi rolls, Korean fried chicken, a vegetable maki sampler and much more.

205 Race St., tunabar.com

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Typically these late season Saturday games are throw-away affairs, but the way things worked out with the schedule this year we should have a buffet of entertainment – and more importantly, bet-able games.

Here are some quick betting hits on all three Saturday games.

Texans at Buccaneers

Would you believe that the Buccaneers have the longest current win streak in the NFC at four games?

It's true, though Tampa Bay (7-7) was eliminated from playoff contention two weeks ago.

Bruce Arians' squad could have mailed it in against the Lions in Detroit last week, but instead they beat the kitties by 19.

Houston desperately needs this game to keep its playoff bid alive, but a theme throughout the Texans' season is that after they get a big win (they beat Tennessee last Sunday) they lay an egg the following week.

The play: Buccaneers +3.5

Bills at Patriots

Kansas City proved two weeks ago that going into Foxboro and beating the Patriots is not impossible. The Chiefs limited the Pats to 16 points in that one, and Buffalo is more than capable of replicating that number. In fact, in the only other meeting between the Bills and Pats this year, Buffalo held New England to 16 points (a 16-10 New England win).

The problem here for the Bills is that their offense will also find it difficult to put points on the board. Buffalo's offense can't crack the 20-point mark against a good defense, let alone a Patriots D that is giving up a league-best 12.9 points per game.

The play: Patriots -6.5

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Rams at 49ers

The defending NFC champion Rams are still (barely) alive in the NFC playoff picture at 8-6 but they should be wiped out by the 49ers Saturday night. The Niners have been impressive coming off of losses this season as they beat Arizona 36-26 after losing to Seattle, and they beat the Saints in New Orleans, 48-46, after losing to Baltimore.

San Fran was embarrassed by the Falcons last week, and will be properly motivated against LA. The Niners desperately want to get a top-2 seed in the NFC and will need this game to keep that hope alive.

The play: 49ers -6.5

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Bowl betting: Liberty vs. Georgia Southern

Bettors should expect points aplenty in Saturday afternoon's Cure Bowl as the Liberty Flames (7-5) and the Georgia Southern Eagles (7-5) meet at Exploria Stadium in Orlando, FL. Liberty became bowl eligible in just their second year in the FBS and their first year with Hugh Freeze at the helm. Senior quarterback Stephen Calvert showed significant improvement this season, seeing improvements in completion percentage (54.7 to 58.8), yards per attempt (7.0 to 8.6) and TD-INT ratio (21-18 to 26-5). His passing offense, ranked 21st in the country, should have success throughout against Georgia Southern's 91st-rated pass stoppers.

The Eagles will take the opposite approach on offense, relying on their ninth-rated rushing attack led by the junior running back tandem of J.D. King and Wesley Kennedy III. Dual-threat signal caller Shai Werts can also contribute on the ground against the Flames' 99th-ranked rush defense. Trends bettors should note that the Over is 4-1 in the last five overall games for both Liberty and Georgia Southern.

The play: Liberty - Georgia Southern Over

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SPORTS

Wentz, Eagles prepping for biggest game of season

With the division on the line, the Eagles must beat the Cowboys on Sunday to stay alive.

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The magnitude of Sunday afternoon's game against the Dallas Cowboys can rarely be overstated at this point for the Philadelphia Eagles.

The victor of the Week 16 matchup at Lincoln Financial Field is likely for all the marbles as the 7-7 team that comes out on top will be on the fast track to win the subpar NFC East.

For the loser? Probably nothing, though if the Eagles win, they would also have to win their Week 17 matchup against the Giants in New Jersey.

It's as close to a winner-take-all format that fourth-year quarterback Carson Wentz will encounter without actually being in the playoffs.

After all, the 26-year-old has yet to appear in the postseason after injuries opened the door for Nick Foles' heroics in each of the last two seasons.

So, is this the biggest game of Wentz's career?

"You could probably say that," he told the media on Wednesday. "It's definitely a big game. We know the situation, we know what's going on."

"We're really excited and for one, I'm really excited that we're at home."

The Eagles were easily handled by the Cowboys back in Week 7, a 37-10 romp that saw Philadelphia's defense carved apart while Wentz and his attack were completely stifled.

Cowboys quarterback Dak Prescott threw for 239 yards and a touchdown and rushed for another while running back Ezekiel Elliott went off for 111 yards and a score on 22 carries.

Prescott is carrying some injury concerns into Week 16 as the quarterback is dealing with a shoulder issue. But that isn't changing head coach Doug Pederson's gameplan.

"We all know Dak Prescott and the type of player he is and we love everything about his game," Pederson said. "He's not going to miss this game at all. It doesn't affect our preparation at all."

In that game nine weeks ago, Wentz was held to just 191 yards passing and that was with a more versatile set of wide receivers.

The Eagles will enter Week 16 with Nelson Agholor still not likely to suit up. It leaves Wentz with J.J. Arcega-Whiteside, Robert Davis, and the emerging Greg Ward Jr., which doesn't instill much confidence to keep up with a Cowboys offense that just put up 44 points on the Los Angeles Rams.

Elsewhere on the Eagles' roster, running back Jordan Howard and offensive lineman Lane Johnson are still very much questionable to suit up on Sunday while defensive end Derek Barnett has the best chance at returning.

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Flyers host Eichel, Sabres tonight

The immovable Carter Hart faces off against the unstoppable Jack Eichel.

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Jack Eichel puts his 17-game point streak on the line against the Flyers tonight. GETTY IMAGES

The Flyers certainly enjoy playing at Wells Fargo Center.

A three-game road losing streak came to an end upon returning home behind a 4-1 victory over the Anaheim Ducks.

And it was an emotional win, at that, as Tuesday night was the Flyers' first home game since Oskar Lindblom was diagnosed with Ewing's sarcoma.

While the Flyers and their fans stood solemnly with their young forward throughout the evening, goaltender Carter Hart continued to shine.

The 21-year-old netminder turned away 40 of 41 shots in the victory, putting an exclamation point on an impressive nine-appearance run that has seen him post a 5-3-1 record and a .932 save percentage.

Those numbers are even better at home this year as he's 9-1-2 with a .944 save percentage.

Tonight at Wells Fargo Center, Hart and the Flyers will face a Buffalo Sabres team that has lost its last two in what is becoming a familiar sight of tailing off after a hot start.

After winning nine of their first 12 games, Buffalo has lost 16 of their last 23.

A stiff test still awaits Hart and the Flyers defense as they'll be lining up opposite of the Sabres' red-hot captain Jack Eichel.

The 23-year-old forward is hitting his stride in his fifth NHL season with 24 goals and 26 assists (50 points) in 35 games. His previous career-high when it comes to goals is 28, scored in 77 games last season.

He has recorded at least one point in 17-straight games, recording 16 goals and 15 assists (31 points) during that span including six goals in his last four outings.

This will be the first time that Eichel and the Sabres face the Flyers, but he's had plenty of success against them in the past. He has 11 points (8 G, 3 A) in 11 career games against Philadelphia.

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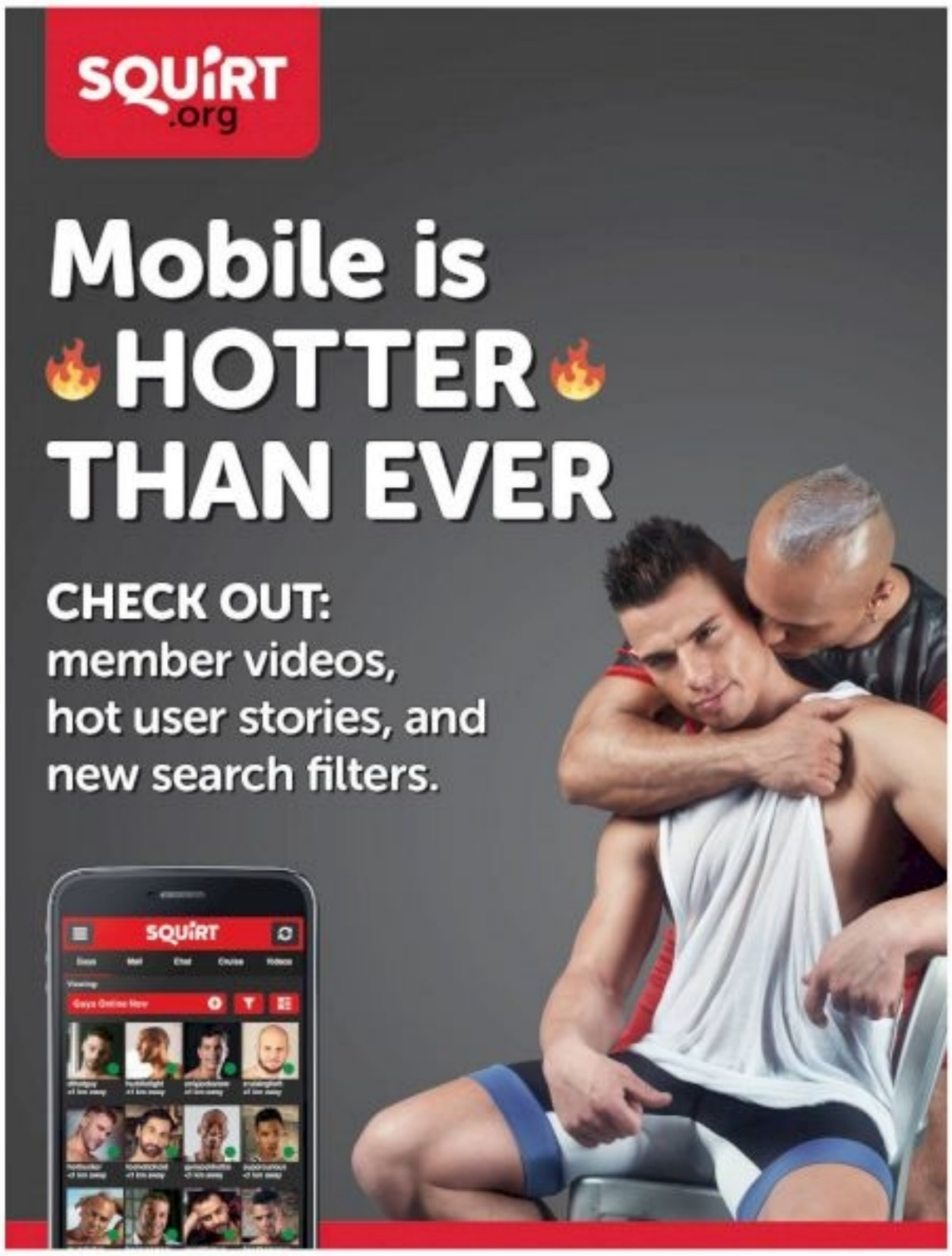

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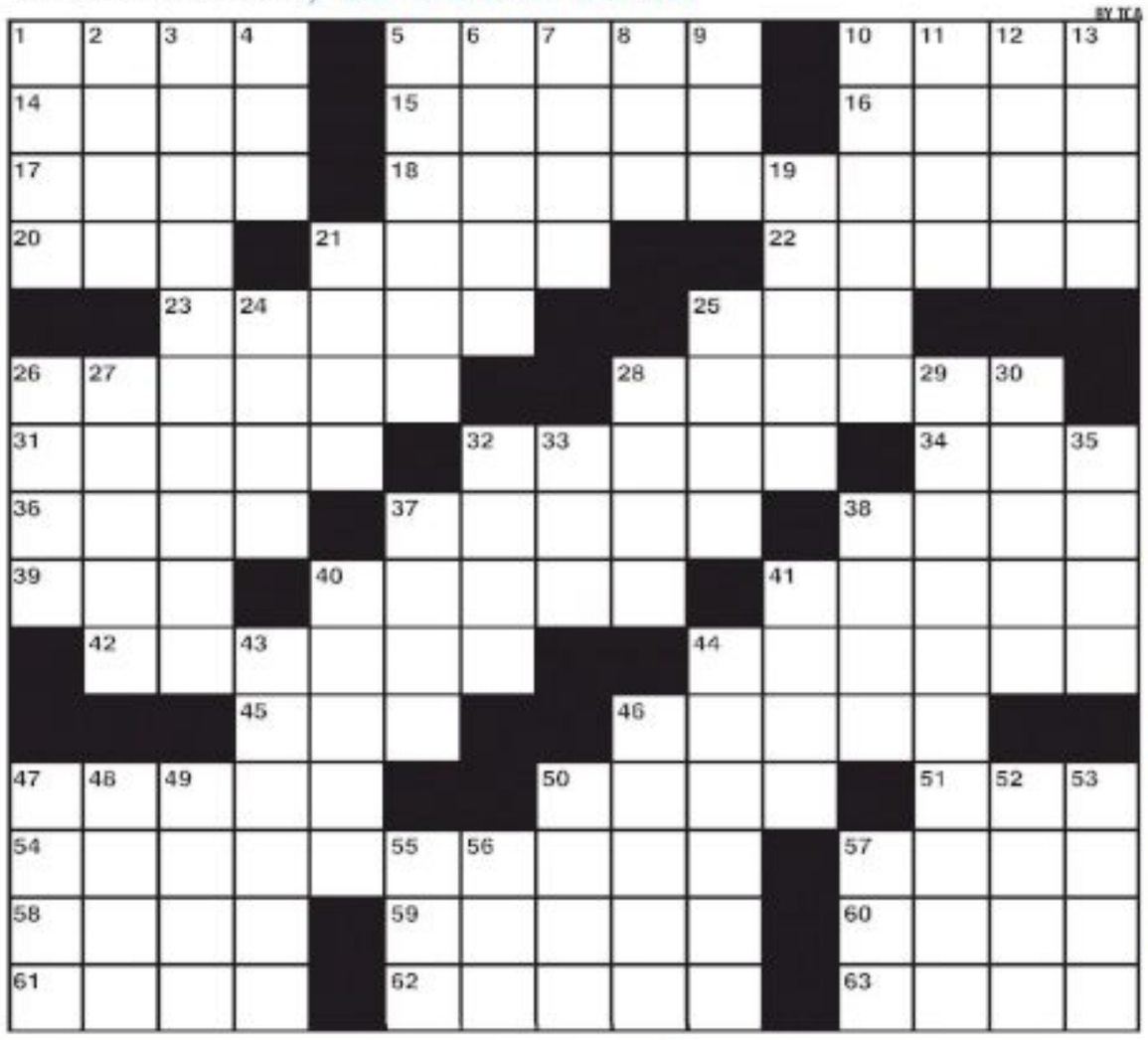

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